

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Law Third Judicial District: Anchorage Component Budget Summary

Component: Third Judicial District: Anchorage

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Component Mission

Mission statement appears at the department summary and BRU levels.

Component Services Provided

(A) The office in this component prosecutes all violations of state criminal law in Alaska, with the exception of specialized prosecutions undertaken by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals. In addition to filing criminal charges and conducting criminal trials, the office gives day-to-day advice to state and local law enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations, serves as legal advisor to grand juries, and handles sentence appeals and probation revocation actions. Prosecution services protect the public by convicting criminal offenders and placing them under appropriate controls, and by revoking probation if they do not comply with conditions of supervision. Without these services, Alaskans would not be able to live in safe and healthy communities.

(B) The District Attorney's office provides victim-witness assistance services such as travel and per diem expenses, court-mandated witness fees, information on court procedures required by statute and the Alaska Constitution, and assistance with domestic violence orders and violent crimes compensation procedures.

Two-thirds of all travel costs in the BRU are due to transportation and per diem for witnesses needed for court proceedings. Demands on the victim-witness assistants increased substantially over the last several years as a result of victims' rights laws that passed in 1989 and 1991, as a result of the passage of the Victims' Rights Amendment to the Alaska Constitution in 1994 and the Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1996. Victim-witness services are an indispensable element in the daily operation of the criminal justice system.

(C) The services are delivered by 27 attorneys (three are largely funded through a federally funded reimbursable services agreement from the Department of Public Safety) in one office in Anchorage. The office also supervises the one attorney in Dillingham who is budgeted in the Third Judicial District: Outside Anchorage Component. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the Anchorage office handled over 5,000 cases. There were nearly 3,000 new felonies or felony probation revocations referred for prosecution in the Anchorage office. In addition, over 2,000 misdemeanor cases and probation revocations were handled by the Anchorage office, despite the fact that that Municipal Attorney's office handles the bulk of misdemeanor cases occurring in Anchorage.

Component Goals and Strategies

The primary goal of this component is to assure safe and healthy communities by prosecuting and convicting criminal offenders in urban Alaska. The federally funded drug unit provides prosecution of drug offenses in Anchorage and serves as a legal resource for drug investigation and prosecution in the rest of the state.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

The Anchorage District Attorney's Office lost one federally-funded narcotics prosecutor position, when the funding committee decided to relocate the position to the Mat-Su Valley, to deal with the growing amount of serious drug activity in that area. The Criminal Division believes that the number of drug prosecutors in the Anchorage area should not be decreased.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

Major accomplishments are reflected in the performance measures.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	3,122.6	3,546.8	3,456.0
72000 Travel	85.1	123.1	89.4
73000 Contractual	167.8	271.9	269.0
74000 Supplies	50.0	64.8	54.2
75000 Equipment	17.2	45.0	38.5
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,442.7	4,051.6	3,907.1
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	3,067.9	3,457.6	3,503.9
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	353.8	594.0	403.2
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	15.2	0.0	0.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	5.8	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	3,442.7	4,051.6	3,907.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
Unrestricted Fund	68515	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Receipts	51015	353.8	594.0	312.7	403.2	403.2
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		374.8	594.0	312.7	403.2	403.2
Total Estimated Revenues		375.5	594.0	312.7	403.2	403.2

Third Judicial District: Anchorage**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

The 3rd Judicial-Anchorage component is requesting an increment to annualize costs and another to fully fund positions that were underfunded in the FY 2002 budget. The annualization increment is for \$168,400 to address full-year costs for new prosecutors in Anchorage to handle the increased drunk driving prosecutions as a result of the 0.08% DWI law and the changes to the "look-back" periods for repeat DWI and felony DWI. The full-funding increment is for \$33,300 for costs for the therapeutic court prosecutors.

Summary of Component Budget Changes**From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	3,457.6	0.0	594.0	4,051.6
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-PCN 03-1250 w/ funding to Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation ADN# 0320113	0.0	0.0	-200.0	-200.0
-Adjust vacancy by fund source between line items and components ADN# 0320123	-172.5	0.0	0.0	-172.5
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	72.1	0.0	7.3	79.4
-Adjust vacancy by fund source between line items and components	-84.4	0.0	0.0	-84.4
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Back out one-time equipment costs related to HB 179	-6.5	0.0	0.0	-6.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Legal Secretary Reclassification	35.9	0.0	1.9	37.8
-.08 Blood Alcohol/Felony DWI - Annualize Fiscal Note Funding	168.4	0.0	0.0	168.4
-Therapeutic Courts - Fully Fund Fiscal Note	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3
FY2003 Governor	3,503.9	0.0	403.2	3,907.1

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Governor</u>	
Full-time	54	53	Annual Salaries 2,743,533
Part-time	1	1	COLA 84,376
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay 0
			Annual Benefits 848,655
			Less 6.00% Vacancy Factor (220,596)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay 0
Totals	55	54	Total Personal Services 3,455,968

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk I	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	3	0	0	0	3
Assoc Attorney II	1	0	0	0	1
Attorney III	9	0	0	0	9
Attorney IV	12	0	0	0	12
Attorney V	6	0	0	0	6
Attorney VI	1	0	0	0	1
Law Office Assistant I	10	0	0	0	10
Law Office Assistant II	3	0	0	0	3
Law Office Manager II	1	0	0	0	1
Victim/Witness Paralegal I	2	0	0	0	2
Victim/Witness Paralegal II	4	0	0	0	4
Totals	54	0	0	0	54